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MEMORANDUM FOR CIA MEMBER USIB

SUBJECT: Report on Re-orientation of the MIS Program

(Item 5, USIB Agenda for 26 February)

In the August statement of MIS concepts USIB also directed the MIS Committee to report within six months on progress in re-orienting the inter-agency MIS Program. The submitted 31 January report makes clear the rapid and extensive re-orientation and streamlining of the Program in consonance with USIB views. The crux of this is the increasing production of the one-volume General Survey as the primary MIS coverage on each foreign area, with concurrent selective cutback in the former more detailed MIS topical units. This means that with no increase in level of effort, more timely MIS coverage is being produced annually on a considerably larger number of foreign areas. The results being accomplished are directly due to the leadership and management which in August we argued we should retain rather than share with DIA as proposed. The report does not recommend any problems for USIB action. I see no reason for USIB discussion of the report, and I recommend that USIB approve the report and the constructive results being accomplished by the MIS Committee.

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